

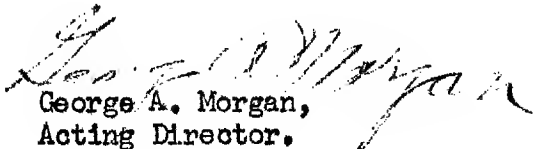
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
Washington, D.C.

March 25, 1953

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD:

The attached letter and enclosure are circulated
at the Chairman's request for discussion at the Board
meeting on March 26.


George A. Morgan,
Acting Director.

Enclosures:

1. Ltr fm Nelson A. Rockefeller
to C. D. Jackson, 3/21/53.
2. Cy of enclosure to above ltr.

Executive Office of the President
PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
Washington, D.C.

March 21, 1953

Mr. C. D. Jackson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

Dear C. D.:

As you know, the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization has been considering various proposals for establishing a new foreign information agency which would consolidate foreign information programs and cultural and educational exchange programs now carried on by the Department of State and the Mutual Security Agency. At the present time the proposal being given most serious consideration proposes the merger of these functions in a new agency outside of the State Department whose director would be appointed by the President. The new agency head would have full administrative responsibility for its operation, including the development of programs, budget, administrative procedures, etc.

One of the complex problems confronting us is the relationship, if any, this proposed independent agency should have to the National Security Council or to the Psychological Strategy Board. Our understanding is that the Central Intelligence Agency is responsible to the NSC but that its programs are cleared with the Strategy Board. This opens the way for a consideration of a similar relationship between the proposed new agency and these Boards. Another possible line of authority would be for this new agency to report to the Psychological Strategy Board. One suggestion of a possible relationship is reflected in the attached language. The reaction of members of the Strategy Board to these proposals would be helpful to the President's Committee and welcomed by it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nelson

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Chairman

Enclosure

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The Committee anticipates the establishment of a Security Strategy Board (replacing the Psychological Strategy Board) as a Committee of the National Security Council.

A Special Assistant to the President will be Chairman of the Board, the other members of which will be the Under Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director for Mutual Security, and the Director of the new Information Agency.*

Consistent with approved national security policies, the Board will formulate policies for presenting to the people of the world and promoting, outside the United States, the best understanding of our national policies. The Board, through its Chairman and staff, will develop programs to carry such policies into effect, will allocate responsibilities under and give guidance for such programs, and will coordinate and follow up the discharge of such responsibilities.

*Pending completion of the new arrangements, the Director of the new Information Agency will be asked to sit as a member under the Psychological Strategy Board.

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